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APPLICATION EN020026 SEA LINK - SAVE MINSTER MARSHES AND PEGWELL BAY
Response to questions
Para 3 TOPIC Benthic Mitigation plan Condition
I support Natural England and Kent Wildlife Trust stance that mitigation for damage is secured BEFORE harm takes place and monitoring is critical thersafter. We have already had clear evidence that national grid does not keep its promises and is already causing harm to wildlife and landscape.
PARA 4 Intertidal Features at Sandwich Bay to Hacklinge marshes SSSi
Apart from the devastation at Pegwell Bay itself which is a rewilded area very popular with locals and tourist alike. I agree with Natural England that the damage caused to this area in both destruction of the sea bed, Devastation of the scenic area that is Pegwell Bay and home to Sea Lions and many other endangered and migrating species. A third cable is now intended coming in through Pegwell Bay and I have major concerns regarding the un reversible devastation this will cause. To the wildlife, the area, the businesses and residents.
PARA 5 Chalk Habitat and EN-1 Para 5.4.53
The chalk is irriplaceable which I believe national grid has acknowledged. We ask that the minister expressly applies the wholly exceptional reasons and compensation test in her decision making.
PARA 6-7 Hovercraft at Pegwell Bay
I support natural Englands request for worst case assessment of impact on wildlife including seal population.
Seriously! this is an absolute travesty and will destroy decades of wildlife growth.
PARA 16 Breeding Birds at Sandwich Bay
National grid must commit to no working between march to september at the SSSI. They have already put up contractors offices next to a barn owl box which is known to be inhabited on Minster Marshes. There is already blatant dis-regard for wildlife before the so called planning permission is considered
PARA 28 Saltmarsh survey and musflat access routes
Theses access routes and their dimensions should be agreed before any consent is granted. not afterwards when they will be blatantly disregarded.
PARA 32 No Pegwell landfall routes November to February
There must be no work at all at Pegwell during nov to Feb to protect the overwintering migrating bird populations.
Tourism in Suffolk and Kent
This devastation to scenery, likely gridlocking of roads and production of this 90FT eyesore which will be seen for miles. Pegwell bay area is the middle ground between and route through all the sea side town tourist hot spots. the massive increase in lorries for over 4 years will put a massive strain on the already over-burdoned roads and impact the local residents for miles around . the last time this road had a 500 yard closure the detour between Ramsgate and sandwich - a ten minute journey was 32 miles and there are no other options! it is madness.
I ask the Secretary of State to refuse development consent because the evidence demonstrates unacceptable and potentially irreversible impacts on Pegwell /Sandwich Bay and Minster Marshes and because the proposed developments has not demonstrated that these impacts can be adequately avoided or mitigated.
Unless you are a resident of this area OR take the time to visit, you cannot possibly understand the cynical devastation that is planned
Despite wholesale objection from residents, neighbours, businesses, parish and main councils and nature and historic protection organisations, this refusal of planning has now been taken out of our own areas decision makers hands . The planned horrendous destructive and massive development in the Pegwell Bay/ Sandwich Bay/ Minster Marshes area of Kent and handed for final overriding decision to our government. How is this being allowed to happen?
Currently. if we are to believe the evidence of our own eyes, we see the commencement of its so called 'archaeological and ecological surveys' with heavy duty machinery that is tearing up huge swathes of the area they are already and putting in bridges for heavy diggers { without the formal planning consent being passed} and treating the area as though it is a foregone conclusion by Sea Link itself. Hardly the type of activity usually associated with either type of surveys to protect environment and history.
If you are a resident of this area, you will have clearly seen over the last few years a relentless invasion of housing development. dirty industry and now the worst of all, the rape of vast swathes of important and irreplaceable countryside by huge skyline marring, wildlife and rare species devastating and landscape destroying developments being undertaken in the name of 'clean energy'. This is ecocide on the largest scale I have see in my life.
I need only cite one example of one small element of the impending proposal to horrify anyone with half a brain:= EXAMPLE
A compound to house 500.000 tonnes of aggregate being placed alongside a nature reserve, in the middle of one of the most important historic and scientific areas... on a white cliff'd and.tranquil estuary, where Sea Lions and rare species breed and migrate to and from. An area where people come to stand and just gaze at the beauty...
All this just to make the foundation only of a hundred-foot-high battery station monstrosity that will be dropped in the middle of the minster marshes. that will destroy the skyline, the land and nature around it for miles and likely forever. Then add to that the 30 tonnes per load lorries that will be ripping up the roads, creating gridlock and polluting the area in order to transport that aggregate, which I am told will be dredged from the sea floor nearby destroying vital eco systems. Go figure... approximately 17000 lorries which I believe is a conservative estimate. all for one slab of concrete to stabilise land that they already know is unsuitable. It's a marsh for goodness' sake. Where is there any element of wisdom in this farce? There is already evidence that their calculations are under stated and incorrect.
I need only cite the water leak that has brought the area to a standstill in the last few weeks with a 30-mile detour the only option available to traverse what should be a fifteen-minute journey for residents going from Sandwich to Margate on their business and personal journeys and then go figure that chaos this whole project proposed will actually create.
Add then to that, they are currently appealing the refusal for a solar farm that is the size of a hundred football picture in green belt land in this same three-mile corridor that also houses the Richborough Roman Fort and the beginning of Watling street, The ancient river Stour, The Viking Ship and vital corridors to the sea for migration and wildlife of rare and endangered species and important tourist areas.

I am heartily sick of foreign companies being allowed to plough their way through our precious areas of special scientific interest, annihilating everything in their path waving a false green flag as their means to drive unfathomably huge profits, whilst leaving in their wake a trail of concrete, scrap and pollution that is destroying everything that 'Great Britain' is clinging to in the name of beauty, common sense and care for our children's future in this once 'Garden of England'
I have watched this area turn in the 12 years I have resided here, from breathtakingly green to a corridor of parasitic and ugly projects that crave wealth and power over a future that serves its residents honestly and wisely.
I am a normal resident, not a wildlife or eco nut as they will try to paint people opposing this.
In the name of everything that should be important to us as humanity, PLEASE STOP THIS MADNESS AND FIND A BETTER WAY!